

# BOMBS AND FIRES FOLLOW REFUSALS TO PAY BLACKMAIL

Feud of Blackhanders on Cusumano Brothers Continued by Explosion To-Day.

THE DAMAGE IS SLIGHT.

But Police Believe It Is Only a Warning of More Deadly Ones to Come.

The Black Hand warfare waged for the last year against the Cusumano brothers, Salvatore and Charles, grocers and saloon keepers in East Thirty-ninth street, was reopened early to-day with the explosion of a bomb in the doorway of their cafe at No. 30 East Thirty-ninth street.

The enemy of a band of Italian blackmailers was incurred by the Cusumanos, the brothers say, because they refused to contribute to the defense fund of a man who killed his wife. That man pleaded guilty and is now in Sing Sing, but his friends do not forgive or forget.

The bomb of morning was small, and the damage it did was inconsequential—a couple of windows broken, merely—not to exceed \$10 worth of property injured. But the explosion is regarded by the Cusumanos and by the police as an earnest of deadlier and more destructive ones to come.

At the same cafe there was an incendiary fire late in 1912, and on July 8 last a bomb containing three sticks of dynamite, imbedded in a concrete block, was found at the threshold.

The Cusumanos own a pool room at No. 317 East Thirty-ninth street. There an incendiary fire was discovered shortly before New Year's. The brothers have a grocery at No. 312 East Thirty-ninth street. Two bombs were exploded there on different occasions, but close together and about the time of the other outrages on Cusumano property.

MURDER OF WOMAN LED TO SENDING OF BOMBS.

The murder of Carmella Geraci on Nov. 8, 1912, was an event which the intervening months have proved was of sinister consequence to the Cusumanos. She was killed with a spike driven into her head, and her body was dumped into a mill pond at Georgetown, Conn., where it was discovered the next day. For a long time it lay in the Morgue, unidentified. The woman was the supposed victim of white slavers.

But she was killed by her husband, Salvatore Geraci, with whom she formerly lived at No. 312 East Thirty-ninth street, in the neighborhood where the Cusumanos carry on their various business enterprises. The murder, however, was committed at No. 315 East Forty-third street.

Geraci fled, but his murderous and blackmailing associates in New York kept in touch with him. The authorities, skulking from place to place, feared apprehension. So did his friends, and they set about raising a fund to maintain him in seclusion or to pay for his defense, if he should be caught.

The method of raising the fund—at least this is the story the Cusumanos told the police, since the police believe it was blackmail. A demand was made on the Cusumanos for \$10,000. The demand was ignored. The incendiary fire and bomb explosions followed.

The brothers pretended to yield and agreed to meet agents of the black-mailers on the plaza of the Queensboro Bridge on the night of Dec. 4. They kept their promise, but, instead of handing over money, they drew revolvers and opened fire on the black-mailers who came toward them out of the shadows, making the Black Hand sign.

The fusillade of shots brought the police, but the foiled blackmailers had fled. The Cusumanos were arrested on charges of violating the Sullivan law. They never have been tried. The bombs and fire followed.

Bravo Man's Family in Want. Through Alderman Charles W. Dunn of Brooklyn a call has been issued for subscriptions to a relief fund for the widow and children of Edward Brady of No. 40 Forty-fifth street, Brooklyn, the foreman of the Street Cleaning Department who lost his life last week while trying to stop a runaway horse from plunging into a group of school children at Forty-fifth street and Fifth avenue. Contributions are being sent to the treasurer of the committee, Henry Murphy, at No. 5205 Fifth avenue, Brooklyn.

Harrison Banquet. MANILA, Oct. 8.—Yesterday's popular banquet to welcome the new Governor General of the Philippines, Francis Burton Harrison, was attended by more than 1,000 persons. Manuel Queson, Philippine Delegate to Congress, was toastmaster.

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## The Evening World's and Welfare Association's City-Wide Series of Better Babies' Contests Here Are the Sturdy Young Prize Winners In One of the Big Contests Just Ended



**FIVE PRIZE WINNERS IN THEIR RESPECTIVE AGE CLASSES**

- 1 MARIE DANANER 265 BALTIC STREET 17 MONTHS.
- 2 VIRGINIA O'SHEA 66 DYKMAN STREET 26 MOS.
- 3 ANNA TOCCI NOS. 3RD STREET 18 MONTHS.
- 4 HENRIETTA BECKING 82 WARREN ST. 30 MONTHS.
- 5 WILLIAM FOLEY 18 FIRST ST. 4 MONTHS.

### Girls Healthier Than Boys, Blondes More Popular Than Brunettes and That Children of Foreign Born Parents Develop the American Standard, Three Important Facts Discovered in the "Little Italy" Contest, Brooklyn.

That girls are healthier than boys, that blondes will be more popular than brunettes in the coming generation, and that children regardless of their foreign parentage develop the American standard physically, are three very important discoveries which became known yesterday, when the prizes were awarded in The Evening World's Better Babies' Contest at Little Italy House, No. 146 Union street, Brooklyn.

Dr. Le Grand Kerr, who has been in charge of the contest in this district of Brooklyn, said that it was remarkable how much more developed the girls were who came up for examination, than the boys. He added that the baby girls were far better fit, physically, than the little chaps, and that this is a rather discouraging outlook for the boys of the future generation, if one was to accept this as a standard.

He also pointed out that more than half of the three hundred babies examined had light golden hair, and that though the Italians are known to be short of stature, yet the majority of the Italian babies proved they had developed up to the American standard of height.

If all this is true of the entire baby world, the future generation promises to be light headed, and the woman, with her superior physique, will doubtless dominate the weaker sex—mankind. Then will be realized the dream of Mrs. Fanchurst, and poor man will be compelled to give her the vote.

That's what Brooklyn has been doing.

**MOTHERS EAGER TO REAR CHILDREN PROPERLY.**

When The Evening World started this contest in the Little Italy section of Brooklyn, hundreds of mothers journeyed with their babies to Neighborhood House to learn "just what was wrong with the baby."

Mothers confessed they were ignorant as to what to give their babies to eat; how long they should permit them to sleep; and how much exercise and fresh air they should have. The doctors say the questions asked them proved only too clearly that there are innumerable parents who do not know how to raise children.

As the doctors told them what they should do, and what they should not do, the mothers listened, with the result that they went home and proved their sincerity by adhering to the orders given them. And when they brought their children again there was every evidence of improvement in the little ones.

such an inspiring scene as was beheld when about three hundred of the dearest, cutest, healthiest babies in Brooklyn gazed, snickered and laughed as they waited for the awarding of the prizes.

There were American, Italian, Dutch, German and Irish babies. And every one of them was pretty.

**FIRST PRIZE WINNER IS A LITTLE BEAUTY.**

The first prize winner in her class was little Marie Danaher, seven months of age and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Danaher of No. 265 Baltic street, Brooklyn. Her father is an elevator man in the Hudson Terminal Building.

The doctors said she was undoubtedly one of the prettiest and healthiest babies in Brooklyn. And she looked like a beautiful golden child, with her hair, which hangs in little ringlets about her head. This, with two big blue eyes, and full ruddy cheeks makes her as luscious as a peach in June.

"I think her excellent health is due to the fact I have always been particular about her food," said Mrs. Danaher to an Evening World reporter. "For breakfast I always give her orange juice, crackers and milk; for dinner soups, usually chicken broth and for supper biscuits, fruit and the pulp of plums."

"She has always had plenty of fresh air, too. In the summer I take her out two hours in the morning, and two hours in the afternoon and in the winter she spends the same number of hours outside, unless it is very cold."

"Marie is a most healthy child, and except for the whooping cough, which she had about six months ago, has never been ill. I have never had a doctor for her since she was born. Many times I have had her out, when I should have been home attending to the household duties, and realizing that her future health and happiness depended upon the care she received at present."

Mrs. Danaher was rewarded yesterday when Dr. Kerr announced that Marie's percentage was 100 upon examination. And so Marie received a \$5 gold piece, which her mother says she will deposit in the bank to Marie's credit, and it will never be touched until Marie becomes of age. Then she will realize that her first money was earned through her perfect health and happiness when she was a little baby.

**OTHER WINNERS OF EVENING WORLD MONEY PRIZES.**

Others who received \$5 gold pieces were William Foley, four months, of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Foley of No. 18 First street; Virginia O'Shea, twenty-six months, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry O'Shea of No. 84 Dykman street; Henrietta Becking, thirty-nine months, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Becking of No. 81 Warren street, and Anna Tocci, eighteen months, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Tocci of No. 8 Third street.

The doctors who assisted Dr. Kerr in the final examination were Drs. J. F. Crawford, Philip Moxam and S. Block. Dr. Jane Robbins also assisted, and in fact was in a large way responsible for the success of the contest. In speaking of the effect it had upon the community, she said: "The Evening World's Better Baby Contest has met with great success over here, and the parents of children have shown their eagerness to give their children the best of care."

of care. Hundreds have been interested in this work. The doctors state that the things which have been lacking in most cases have been insufficient food and exercise. The cases of insufficient food have not been due to the mother's inability to provide food for them, but on the mother's own statement, ignorance as to just what to feed them.

"Then, too, we have found that mothers do not put their children enough on the floor. They carry them too much, and the result is that the child becomes backward in learning to walk. But I am glad to report that we have noticed remarkable improvement in many cases, when the mother's attention has been called to these things."

"We will now rest for a month, and give an improvement prize. The work will also be taken up in the spring again."

It was the original intention to give the prizes in Neighborhood House, No. 146 Union street, but long before the appointed hour the little hall became filled, and it was decided to adjourn to the Brooklyn Library, where Miss Holakama, the librarian, made the children and their mothers as comfortable as possible. She also distributed books to the mothers on the care of the babies, which were gratefully received.

The programme of the afternoon consisted of solos by Miss G. Smith and Miss Pauline Hathaway, a few remarks to the mothers on the feeding of babies by Dr. J. F. Crawford, and the distribution of prizes by Dr. Kerr.

Dr. Jane Robbins presided and Dr. Cavero acted as interpreter to the Italians present.

**CHILDREN WHO RECEIVED HONORABLE MENTION.**

The children who received honorable mention were: Lawrence Basso, Dorothy Bauler, Concetta Belluardo, Harmona Bayer, Dorothy Brady, Gaetano Camadello, Alice Cox, Catherine De Martin, Arturo De Nicola, Lillian Domingan, Catherine Erickson, Eleanor Hagen, Dorothy Hillier, Catherine Hillier, Cyril Laughlin, Donald MacCallum, John McLaughlin, Martha Macaroni, Salvatore Masten, Leo Melanson, Mary Catherine Miller, Francis Murphy, John M. O'Brien, Helen Olson, Fedelea Spilato, Ernest Rosa, Charles Stebbins, William Lawrence Titton, Placid Ruffa, Olaf Holland, Lulu Brown, Maria Bracken, Vincenza Graver, Lucy Russo, Philip Williams, Harold Emerson, Mary Taglioni, Angelo Rover, Catherine Nolan, Frederick Hillestein, Tony Cappadonia, Helen Dinley, Pasquale Krigger, Helen Martini, John Morgan, Joseph Giacobbe, Grace Altanasi, Joseph Camardo, James Thompson, James Gordon, Eva Marie Rauti, Henry Reux, Stella Berger, Walter Kane, Joseph Barberie, Catherine De Arno, Lena Emery, Albert Humhouse, Salvatore Vassila, James Murry, Joseph Haviland, Lina Tebrecki, Philip Porine, Teague Caris, Florence Barker, Pavilla, Bertha Rosenthal, Ruth Anna Trimmer and Daniel Arundell.

**The Story of the World's Championship Games** is appearing in the morning World from day to day, from the pen of De Wolf Hopper, the only original "Casey at the Bat" Special story in Sunday's World. Order the morning World from newsdealer in advance.

### LITTLE GIRLS MEET TRAGIC DEATHS WHILE PLAYING IN STREETS

Bella Katz, 2½ Years Old, Run Down by Auto Truck—Carl Kills Lillian Thorne.

The children who usually play in Eighty-first street in the neighborhood of First avenue were kept in because of the wet this morning, and only two and-a-half-year-old Bella Katz of No. 324 East Eighty-first street was on the sidewalk. The little girl, finding no playmates, started back across the street, whither she had run when she left the house, to return to her home and play with her dolls in the house instead of staying on the street.

There was no one to harm the child as she skipped out from behind a wagon and she ran directly in front of a Fleischmann bakery electric delivery wagon, driven by Arthur J. W. Eberhardt of No. 301 East Eighty-first street. Eberhardt jammed on his brakes, but the car skidded over the wet pavement and the front wheels knocked the little girl down and crossed her body.

Nathan Hecht of No. 318 East Eighty-first street, picked her up and carried her to a drug store on the corner, where he called Dr. Bayer from Repton Hospital. The doctor found that the little girl had been killed instantly.

It was so surely an accident that Eberhardt was not arrested. Lillian Thorne, six years old, living at No. 35 West Seventy-first street, persuaded her mother yesterday afternoon that she was old enough to go out on the street and play by herself without being watched. She had just received a brand new express wagon, and it was necessary to see immediately how the wagon would run on the smooth pavements in front of the house. Mrs. Thorne compromised by watching her small daughter from the basement window.

Just as Lillian's tiny feet had learned to propel the red wagon quite well, Mrs. Thorne saw that the little wagon was directly in the path of an approaching street cleaning cart. Before she could scream a word of warning the cart passed directly over the wagon containing the little girl. She was instantly killed.

**LODGER STRANGLES SELF.**

When Mrs. Croonquist, landlady of a furnished room house at No. 307 East Thirty-ninth street, went to clean the room of one of her lodgers, August Nelson, on the second floor to-day, she found him dead. Nelson had tied a short rope about his neck from the bed-post and with his feet and hips resting on the floor had slowly strangled himself. The suicide was a tailor and unmarried. He had been a sufferer from insomnia for many weeks.

### TICKET SCANDAL IN WORLD SERIES IS UP TO GRAND JURY

Whitman Determines to Get to the Bottom and Fix the Responsibility.

SCALPERS BUSY TO-DAY.

Lots of Tickets on Sale at Agencies and in Saloons at High Prices.

District Attorney Whitman began an investigation to-day into the charges that members of his staff and of the staff of the Corporation Counsel had bought tickets for the world's series from the New York Baseball Club and sold the tickets to speculators. President Harry Hempstead, Secretary John B. Foster and Treasurer N. A. Lloyd of the baseball club, with Miss Skinner, Mr. Foster's stenographer, were summoned to Mr. Whitman's office to be questioned in obedience to a subpoena duces tecum they brought the books and records of the advance ticket sale.

The District Attorney, after he had questioned Mr. Foster and Mr. Hempstead, and had taken the statement of a reporter who swore that Mr. Foster told him members of the District Attorney's staff and Corporation Counsel's staff had bought tickets and sold them to speculators, announced that he would lay the whole matter before the Grand Jury next Wednesday. He is determined to thresh out the entire matter.

"There is something strange about the affair," said Mr. Whitman. "I am going to the bottom of it and will attempt to end, once and for all time, this scandal that associates itself with every world's series."

Mr. Whitman was impelled to begin his investigation by the publication of the statements attributed to Mr. Foster. When Mr. Foster was questioned to-day he made the following remarks: "I have no knowledge of any tickets to the world series games having been given out or sent to any person connected directly or indirectly with the Corporation Counsel's office or the District Attorney's office of this county."

"I have never made any statement or indicated, directly or indirectly, that any such person or persons had obtained, for his own use, or for others, any such tickets, or had even applied for any. So far as I know there has never been any request from any such person for the purchase of tickets."

"I have never made any statement to the effect that members of the Corporation Counsel's office or the District Attorney's office have obtained or applied for such tickets."

"The reporter on the evening paper in this city which published this statement informs me that I made no such statement to him, and that the statement to his paper was changed, as he supposes at the desk, and was not at all in accordance with the information which he had given to the paper as obtained from him. I have given the name of the reporter to the District Attorney."

William A. Abbott, a reporter for The Evening World, hurried to the Criminal Courts Building as soon as he heard of Mr. Foster's statement, and asked for an opportunity to be set right. Mr. Whitman heard Mr. Abbott recite how he hunted up Mr. Foster at the Polo Grounds on Tuesday, at about 12:45 o'clock, and how Mr. Foster not only said that persons associated with the Corporation Counsel's office and the District Attorney's office had sold their tickets, but that he had given the name of the reporter to the District Attorney.

Mr. Abbott added that his statement was printed in The Evening World exactly as he telephoned it in. He said further that he had not said to Mr. Foster at any time that the paper had changed the statement or distorted it, but he had admitted to Mr. Foster that he had not sent the news as it was printed in his paper.

At the conclusion of Mr. Abbott's statement the District Attorney said: "Abbott's statement was a straight-

forward story of what I believe to have been the conversation with Secretary Foster."

The District Attorney was given the names this afternoon of two other reporters who are in position to corroborate Mr. Abbott. He said he would hear them later.

Mr. Hempstead turned over to the District Attorney a record of the sales of reserved seats previous to the opening of the sale to the general public. He said there were 840 seats. The following were allotted in advance:

The National Commission	1,000
Charles Ebbets of the Brooklyn Club	50
New York and suburban papers	1,000
Harry Stevens, Polo Grounds caterer	250
Frank Farrell, owner of the Yankees	150
Philadelphia American League team	200
Philadelphia National League team	200
John J. McGraw	200
New York team players	212
E. G. Harrow, President of the International League	100

Total 4,400. The remainder of the tickets, he said, were apportioned to season ticket holders and regular patrons of the game. On orders from the National Commission, he said, the club issued in advance a number of unreserved \$1 seats to applicants for reserved seats whose orders were not filled in full. For instance, Mr. Ebbets of Brooklyn, Mr. Hempstead said, got 450 unreserved seats for the series and \$6 a ticket for three games.

**FAVORED PERSONS GOT THE TICKETS.**

These unreserved tickets were pledged to the general public. Mr. Hempstead did not say how many of them were issued in advance to favored persons, but Mr. Whitman intends to find out. The Evening World learned that on Tuesday somebody called up a number of ticket agencies and offered unreserved \$2 seats in blocks of 200 for the series—that is, for the three games. The club had pledged itself to keep these tickets in the box office until the gates were opened for the first game so that the regular patrons could get a first come first served chance.

The regular patrons found most of the front seats gone when they were able to get inside. These seats had been sold through speculators and distributed by the persons favored by the club. A young man of dark complexion who wore a soft hat pulled down over his eyes acted as the agent in selling the tickets to the speculators on Tuesday. He did not give his name and the speculators didn't ask it.

Although Commissioner Waldo had an extra squad of policemen and detectives looking out for speculators at the Polo Grounds to-day, thousands of such seats were on sale in saloons and cigar stores up and down the city, and in the Tenderloin and financial district before the game. Every saloon and cigar store along Eighth avenue from One Hundred and Fifty-third street down was headquarters for men having tickets for sale at advanced prices.

**LIBELED, SAY PRIESTS.**

Editors Summoned to Court in Criminal Action.

George E. McDonald and James A. Conway, respectively president and editor and assistant editor of The Truthseeker, a publication of No. 42 Vesey street, in Centre Street Court to-day before Magistrate Schultz on summonses obtained by the Rev. Father James B. Curry of St. James's Church. Father Curry said that they had libeled him criminally in the latest number of The Truthseeker.

The priest showed passages in which he was violently criticized for furnishing Mrs. Eleanor Phillips of the Society of Women Opposed to Suffrage with a communication criticizing militant suffrage tactics and the production of plays of only sex interest. Both editors were paroled for a hearing later.



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**SCHMIDT RECORDS ON WAY.**

Father Sending Testimony Taken in Germany as to Priest's Inanity.

Father Luke I. Evers, Catholic Chaplain of the Tombs, received a cablegram from Munich this morning signed "Schmidt" and apparently from the father of Hans Schmidt, the confessed slayer of Anna Ammuelier. The cablegram informed Father Evers that all the court records of Schmidt's trial for falsifying records in Germany, his acquittal on the ground of insanity, and his commitment to the sanitarium from which he escaped were on the way here. Father Evers was asked to arrange a postponement of all proceedings until the records arrived, but this will be unnecessary as they are sure to reach here before Schmidt's trial.

Father Evers read the cablegram to Schmidt, who remarked: "That must be from my father." He made no other comment and Father Evers turned the cablegram over to Alphonse J. Kouba, counsel for Schmidt.

They were paroled for a hearing later.

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